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struts having a generally uniform thickness; and a channel formed in at least one of said struts, said channel having a closed perimeter on all sides and an open top, and said channel smaller in all dimensions than said strut, said channel containing a therapeutic agent applied therein and wherein the therapeutic agent is rapamycin.

*B2* 7. (Twice Amended) The [combination] stent of claim [6]  
wherein said channel is rectangular in shape.

*B3* 11. (Twice Amended) A stent comprising a generally thin walled structure containing a plurality of struts, the struts expandable to assume the shape of a lumen into which the stent is emplaced, said struts having a thickness, and a channel formed in at least one of said struts, said channel having a closed perimeter on all sides and an open top, and said channel smaller in all dimensions than said strut, said channel containing a therapeutic agent applied therein and wherein the therapeutic agent is rapamycin.

Please cancel claims 8 and 10.

REMARKS

Claims 4-7, 9 and 11 remain herein.

Claims 5, 6 and 9 are allowed.

Amended claims 4 and 11 contain the limitations of allowable claim 10.